

# Quote

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## MAY WE *Quote* YOU ON THAT?

With effective date of TAFT-HARTLEY bill (Aug 22) it's pertinent to consider present status of much-discussed legislation. Too many commentators haven't studied law closely, know little of provisions. It gives some support to mgt, but also continues protective features for labor. Current hectic talk of labor leaders is largely stage-setting—effort to arouse rank-and-file who remain lethargic. Spectacles such as monster Labor Day show in Chicago (10 Ringling acts) designed for same purpose. Privately, temperate labor leaders, while working for modification, are resolved to live with and within the act.

Public prints, as they commonly do, have mis-slanted agreements between labor and industrial leaders. To term these "evasions" of law is inaccurate. Two factions are simply trying to avoid future trouble—understandable; laudable. (Internat'l Harvester is currently advertising to set public straight on their agreement with UAW.) Ford agreement merely calls for joint committee to work out details of union responsibility. You'll see more of this sort of thing... Don't be misled by talk of "no special session" of Congress. Acute world situations demand action. Call can hardly be avoided.

CARROLL E FRENCH, director, Industrial Relations Dep't, Nat'l Ass'n of Mfrs: "All planning by businessmen today is in the direction of high level employment for the next yr." 1-Q

DAN'L J TOBIN, 71-yr-old pres, AFofL Teamsters union, blocking move to increase his salary: "Some younger men heading unions make more than I do, and deserve what they get, but \$30,000 a yr is enough for me." (At convention in San Francisco last wk, TOBIN was unanimously elected to serve 42nd yr as Teamsters' head.) 2-Q

Sen CLAUDE PEPPER, of Fla, who favors American loans to Russia because "the Russians are striving for what we have reached—democracy": "As the Russian people get higher standards of living they will demand more civil rights. That's why I feel that the more the economy of Russia expands, the more friendly they will be toward us." 3-Q

Sir JOHN DOYD ORR, Director Gen'l, Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN: "The 1st want of mankind is food." 4-Q

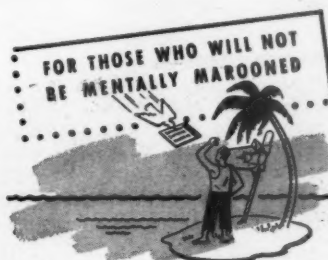
WINSTON CHURCHILL, offering "free enterprise" as alternative to Britain's Labor gov't's emergency economic program: "I warn you solemnly that if you submit yourselves to totalitarian compulsion and regimentation of our nat'l life and labor there lies before you an almost measureless prospect of

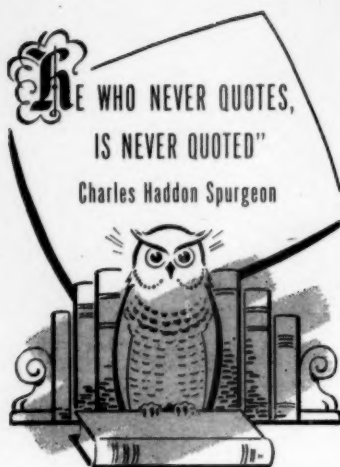
misery and tribulation of which nat'l bankruptcy will be the 1st result, hunger the 2nd, and the dispersal or death of a large proportion of our population the 3rd. The choice which lies before the British nation, is between a system of competitive selection and a system of compulsion." 5-Q

EMMANUEL SHINWELL, British Fuel Minister, replying to WINSTON CHURCHILL's criticism: "The truth is that neither Mr Churchill nor the Tory party can produce a vestige of constructive policy that is capable of helping the country out of its troubles." 6-Q

Lt Gen'l IRA C EAKER: "War is coming." 7-Q

Dr SAM'L L MARSH, pres of Boston Univ, accusing education of filling men's minds with war propaganda: "We must have an education that is free, honest and spiritual, rather than that which is controlled, dishonest and based upon the materialistic conception of life." 8-Q





#### ACTION—1

"There are 2 kinds of men who never am't to very much," Cyrus H K Curtis, the famous publisher, remarked one day. "Those who cannot do what they are told, and those who can do nothing else."—ANDREW MEREDITH, *Your Life*.

#### AMERICA—2

Now that we do see America first, we hope to see America last.—*Dallas Morning News*.

#### BEHAVIOR—3

The 17-yr-old just starting college lettered a sign and hung it up over his night table in the dorm—"Myself Thrd." Pressure from fellow students finally brought explanation. He said that when he left home his dear mother said she did not want to give him a lot of instructions, but would ask him to do 3 things for her, and for himself. ONE—in the contemplation of every procedure, to start with Principle. What would he do IF he were guided by God? And SECOND—service to others. Then THIRD—yourself. They were the 3 steps prompting the placard. —*Dep't Store Economist*.

#### COMPLACENCY—4

Toscanini once scored his cellists for being too self-satisfied. "When I played the cello with Giuseppe Verdi," chided the maestro, "I had water on my face. I don't see any water on your faces!"—HAL STEBBINS, *Printers' Ink*.

#### DESTRUCTION—5

An atomic explosion is no more final, no more terrible, no more to be feared than any other means of destruction if you consider each one affected as an individual.

A family is ret'g from a picnic in their car. An error in judgment takes them squarely into the path of a train. Or a drunken driver crowds them over an embankment. They are as completely destroyed as if they had been in Hiroshima.

The dangers that threaten to wipe out mankind are not the dangers of controlled atomic energy without. They are the dangers of uncontrolled energy within the human mind. No one has yet improved on the wisdom of Solomon who declared, "As a man thinketh, in his heart, so is he." It is high time we were learning to think in terms of construction rather than of destruction. An oz of human brain contains more power potential than a Pike's peak of pure uranium.—*KVP Philosopher*.

#### DISCIPLINE—6

Jimmy burst into the living room, his helmet over one ear. "Mother, I kicked a football thru the church window."

"Did you mean to do it?"

"Oh, no!"

"What are you going to do about it?"

"I'll tell Rev Simms."

"What else?"

"I'll have it fixed and pay for it myself." He raced back out to play.

That mother knows what discipline is! Her boy will always feel safe in coming to her. She didn't punish or force the right course of action on him. All she did was ask questions. He made the decisions.—ROY BURKHART, "Is Blind Obedience Enough?" *Better Homes & Gardens*, 8-47.

#### EDUCATION—7

You cannot learn in any school what the world is going to do next yr, but you can learn some of the things which the world has tried to do in former yrs, and where it failed and where it succeeded. If education consisted in warning the young student away from some of the false theories on which men have tried to build, so that he may be saved the loss of time in finding

out by bitter experience, its good would be unquestioned. — HENRY FORD.

#### EGOTISM—8

Egotism is nothing but a case of mistaken nonentity. — BARBARA STANWYCK.

#### HAPPINESS—9

Happiness is filling the child's stomach, the woman's wardrobe and the man's purse.—JOE JULIAN, radio program.

#### IMAGINATION—10

Imagination is inherent in our nature; that is why children live in a world of make-believe. But it is a penalty of our modern civilization that routine, example, and precept, by which our lives are so ordered, tend to warp the free play of the imagination. We need to recapture the power of imagination; we shall then find that life can be full of wonder, mystery, beauty, and joy.—SIR HAROLD SPENCER JONES, quoted in *Phoenix Flame*.

#### LABOR—Strikes—11

Strikes in '46 numbered 2,191 and involved 530,000 workers, of whom about 120,000 were victims of others —tho not participants in disputes, they were thrown out of work by the action of others. The estimated official total of working days lost in the yr thru strikes was about 2,160,000. Taking an 8-hr day, this means 172,280,000 man-hrs of production lost.—*Natl Canvas Goods Mfrs Review*.

#### LANGUAGE—12

Words are the dress of thought, which should no more be presented in rags, tatters and dirt than your person should.—*Advertiser's Digest*.

#### LIFE—13

"Life," said Julia Ward Howe, who lived to be 91, "is like a cup of tea. The sugar is all at the bottom." — CLEVELAND AMORY, "Locomotives in Low Heels," *Town & Country*, 8-47.

#### LOVE—14

Love is like hash. You have to have confidence in it to enjoy it.—MADGE EVANS, on "Leave It to the Girls" radio program.

#### MARRIAGE—15

Marriage is represented to the young by their elders, the movies, and slick magazine fiction as :

perpetual Christmas Eve with Tiny Tim passing double martinis and saying, "God bless you, every one." —DAVID L COHN, "Are Americans Polygamous?" *Atlantic Monthly*, 8-47.

#### MORALE—Defined—16

Morale is what makes you face things when instinct urges you to turn around and run.—O A BATISTA, *Everybody's Wkly.*

#### MUSIC—Power of—17

Music can change the direction of an action started in the mind. When the Welsh coal miners were on strike during World War I, England was faced with a crisis. Gen'l Smuts was asked by Prime Minister Lloyd George to go down to Wales to see what he could do. He found the miners grim, hostile, adamant. But he was a clever strategist. Before saying a word of his talk, he asked them to sing *Land of our Fathers*, the Welsh nat'l anthem. Haltingly, they began, then swelled the refrain into a mighty chorus. The song ended. Smuts made a brief plea to preserve the "land of your fathers," and departed for England. Upon arrival, he was congratulated on all sides. The men had ret'd to work. The song had worked the magic.—DORON K ANTRIM, "Music Molds Our Emotions," *Etude*, 8-47.

#### OPPORTUNITY—18

Breaks are nothing more than captured opportunities. If opportunity comes our way, we have the choice of taking full advantage, or if the opportunity goes the other way, we still have the choice of creating a new opportunity.

A perfect example, among the hundreds that could be cited, was the immortal Paderewski who aspired to become a great pianist. He practiced at the piano until his fingers bled. He became a mighty genius, the man he aspired to be, not because of the graciousness of the gods but because he had a purpose and applied himself to that end with every oz of energy he had.

Men become great as a result of effort—not thru gifts of heritage. — LOUIS FRED CALLOWAY, *Texas Outlook.*

#### PARENTS—19

What we need is more real fathers in the home and more real mothers in the world.—Town Meeting of the Air, 8-14-47.

#### They DO Say . . .

About the time you read these words, the advisory budget committee of United Nations will be busy whittling a few odd millions from the \$39,403,792 which Sec'y-Gen'l TRYGVE LIE seeks for the coming yr. But it might be well to remember that the full sum—which, incidentally, is budgeted between 55 nations—represents only about half the cost of a modern battleship... And here's a revealing Note of the Times: Yale Univ now requires undergrads to double the am't of science taken in order to "understand the atomic age."... Americans spent \$37 million for food in '46, compared with \$14 million in '39. But of course that isn't attributable wholly to rising mkt costs. We were just naturally living better!

#### PERSONALITY—20

Maybe you've noticed it, too: It isn't so much the talents and the abilities and the knowledge that you miss, when a key man associate is forced to be away from the job for a while, it's the man's humor, and his spark, and all the little characteristics you ordinarily take for granted when he's around. The talents are important, of course. Their absence may make your own job far more difficult. But it's the warm, human side of the man that is most conspicuous when he's gone... which is a very good thing indeed.—*Reflections.*

#### PROGRESS—21

Mohammed Ali, founder of modern Egypt and head of the present

dynasty, said, after ruling Egypt for some yrs: "I had to begin by scratching the soil of Egypt with a pin; I have now begun to cultivate it with a spade; but I mean to have all the benefit of a plow."

— H E MAHMOUD HASSAN PASHA, Egyptian Ambassador to the U S, *Modern Egypt.*

#### RESEARCH—22

Some yrs ago, when industrial research was in its infancy, Chairman Jas F Bell, of Gen'l Mills made a statement that has become basic co policy: "You can influence research environmentally, but you cannot lead it. You must follow where research leads."—*Gen'l Mills Horizons.*

#### SELFISHNESS—23

A Western rancher, newly arrived from the East, noticed trout in the stream which traversed the property he had just acquired. Being unfamiliar with the nature of fish and ignorant of the law as well, he hit upon the idea of placing fine-mesh screens across the stream at both the upper and lower property lines. He wanted to be sure of having his fish and his fishing.

Trout go upstream to spawn. None could enter his property from below; none could escape upstream to increase the trout population. His act resulted in fewer and fewer fish.

When deliberately or thru ignorance we center our att'n solely upon ourselves, excluding the interests of others from our thinking and our acting, we discover to our dismay that, having believed in the self-enacted law of limitation, we have put it into operation against ourselves. — H LEE JONES, "The Unfailing Way," *Good Business*, 8-47.

#### SERVICE—24

Make your service so good that it's the customer's loss if he doesn't trade with you. — *Consolidated Dealer.*

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**ELECTRONICS:** As result of radio-facsimile development, RCA research scientists have built a duplicator for making copies of letters, documents, drawings and pictures. Electronic instrument can be operated by unskilled personnel and can transmit its messages over wires. Duplicator can be made to print on a site remote from main installation. No chemicals are used. (Curtis Courier, hm, Curtis 1000 Inc)

**HEARING AIDS:** "Ear Defenders," moulded from soft elastomeric mat'l, are equipped with inner septum which filters out harmful noises but permits speech and warning signals to be heard. (Financial Post)

**INVENTIONS:** Folding baby scale, no springs, accurate enough to weigh a penny; simple to adjust, easily stored since it folds flat. (Dep't Store Economist)

**MEDICINE:** New drug, mesantoin, now is controlling some attacks of epilepsy, a disease affecting 750,000 Americans. Research promises even better medicines, and possible discovery of cause of epilepsy. (A P Dispatch)

**PRINTING:** Wm J Higgins Co has developed newspaper-printing method that does away with typesetting machines, matrixes and stereotype plates. Type is "set" on margin-equalizing typewriter. Type and pictures then are engraved directly on a single magnesium sheet, which weighs less than a lb, compared with 46 lbs for a stereotype plate. Advantages claimed: less proofreading and fewer typographical errors; unlimited use of pictures at no extra cost, and greater press speed with less wear and tear. (Newsweek)

#### **SPEECH—Speaking—25**

During my many yrs of contact with many Indian tribes, attending their powwows, I never heard an Indian orator consume more than 10 min's in making a speech. Usually the oration was closed with some remark such as "I have spoken," or "I say no more."—EDGAR HOWARD, Columbus (Neb) Telegram.

#### **SUCCESS—26**

There was one whose success went to his head, where it became the tombstone of his ambition.—Canadian Business.

#### **TEMPER—27**

Hitting the ceiling is no way to get up in the world.—HOWARD W NEWTON, quoted in Transit News, hm, Indpls Ry's, Inc.

#### **THANKFULNESS—28**

The priest called on an elderly Irish woman. "And how are you today, Bridget?" "I'm bad enough, father," she repl'd. "I've the pain in me arms and the pain in me legs. And I've only 2 teeth in the whole of me head; but, thanks to God, they're opposite."—Financial Post.

#### **VALUE—29**

It is not natural resources, but the uses men make of (them) that really count. Even a wild berry growing on a tree or bush has to be found, and picked, and put in one's mouth and chewed and swallowed before it is of any value in sustaining life.—News & Views, hm, Gen'l Motors Corp'n.

#### **VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE—30**

Nobody has been able to show conclusively that there is a correlation of any importance between the physique and the intellect... Vocational guidance stresses the point that hardly anybody is miraculously fitted to do one and only one thing in life, and that those in search of the proper niche have to consider a whole set of factors like age, sex, education, aptitude, ambition, strength, mental capacity and, above all, possible openings. Your face has nothing to do with it, altho, under normal conditions, it probably should be clean. — ROBT SULLIVAN, Omaha World-Herald Magazine.

#### **WAGES—Russian vs American—31**

In Russia 4 hrs average pay buys a tooth brush. In America, 15 min's average pay does it.—Norfolk & Western Magazine.

#### **The Wrong Emphasis**

Birds build their nests, rear their young, and make their annual flights to warmer climes, but no bird ever tried to build more nests than its neighbors; and no fox ever fretted because he had only 1 hole in the earth in which to hide, and no squirrel ever died of anxiety lest he should not lay away enough nuts for 2 winters instead of 1! and no dog ever lost sleep over the fact that he did not have enough bones buried in the ground for his declining yrs. So many people put the emphasis on the wrong thing.—Christian Observer. 32

#### **WAR—Future—33**

The other evening Albert Einstein, whose initial research made the atomic bomb possible, was asked by friends what new weapons might be employed in World War III. He shook his head, and after several min's of meditation, said, "I don't know what weapons might be used in World War III. But there isn't any doubt what weapons will be used in World War IV."

"And what are those?" a guest asked.

"Stone spears," said Einstein.—Boston Globe.

#### **WAR—Peace—34**

As long as nations live better while war is going on than they do when peace is in effect there will always be a threat of and a willingness to start another conflict.—Knoxville (Tenn) Express.

#### **WOMAN—Modern—35**

She mooches your cigarettes, steps on your toes in the theater, can't decide what to order in a restaurant, leaves lipstick on glasses and napkins, spills ashes on the tablecloth, complains loudly of the food and service, screams when they refuse to serve her another drink—and then reads the riot act when you forget to hold her coat for her! — T A LALLY, Bridgeport (Neb) News-Blade.



"I have a message for you..."

SAM'L SHELLABARGER's latest book, *Prince of Foxes* (Little, Brown, \$3), surpasses in pageantry of scene and pell-mell pace of storytelling its notable predecessor, *Captain From Castile*. For this work the author changes his locale to Italy, but preserves his favorite period—the lusty, enterprising, violent and creative era known as the Renaissance. In the scene here excerpted, Lord Andrea Orsini, central figure of the tale and unsuccessful defender of the Varano holdings against the superior forces of Cesare Borgia, faces sentence at the hands of the Duke before an impromptu tribunal in the captured castle of the Citta del Monte. Andrea's long-guarded secret—that he is not a nobleman, but Andrea Zoppo of peasant birth—has just been bared by the vengeful Duke.

"My sentence, Andrea Zoppo, is that tomorrow you shall be exposed in a cage on the castle tower, there to remain as a spectacle and warning until your bones drop apart; and that tonight you be subjected to such torments as your crimes warrant..."

Absorbed by what was taking place, no one had seen Lucia da Narni enter...

"I have a message for you," she said quietly.

He frowned at her, puzzled. Then, observing her bandaged hands, he inferred who she was. "The Reverend Sister Lucia, I suppose? I've wanted to see you. It has been brought to my att'n that during the siege you gave much comfort and encouragement to my enemies... A tripping nun who busies herself with worldly affairs. What have you to say for yourself?"

"I have a message for you," she repeated. The calm power of her eyes disconcerted him...

"Message from whom?" he snapped.

"From our Lord God."

On the lips of anyone else, the words might have sounded childish or mawkish. Spoken by her, they had an unearthly ring that froze everyone, including Borgia, to a breathless att'n.

The Duke forced a smile. "I am honored that Almighty God condescends to address me, tho I must take your word for it. What's the divine will?"

She ans'd in the same remote voice: "Our Lord... bids me tell you that the man Andrea is now clear of guilt, and that the time of his death is not yet... You will give heed to this."

Borgia's smile widened. "Is that all?"

"No. For I must tell you that, if you disobey the message I bring, you will die tonight..."

Mario Belli, master of ambush and the dagger, was Andrea's friend. Andrea said to him, later: "I'd like to know this: What would have happened... if Sister Lucia had not spoken for me?" "Oh—I had a card to play," Belli said absently. "However, I don't understand one thing. The marvel of it is how Her Blessed Reverence knew that I planned to kill Cesare Borgia tonight."

Whatever he might be, Cesare Borgia was not a coward. But absolute faith, absolute assurance, has the faculty of communicating its conviction... It was the power of Joan of Arc; it was the power of Lucia da Narni...

"Take your eyes off me," Borgia said. "Why do you stare at me like that?"

"I'm looking into your mind," she ans'd, "to see if I can find any light there."

The Duke kept his frozen smile. "Well, do you find any?"

"Yes, for you are not yet dead. The last taper burns low, but it has not yet been put out."

"Easy to say," he scoffed. "If you know so much, tell me what I'm thinking of at this moment."

"Of death. And that you find it hard to kick against the pricks."

When he spoke at last, Borgia's usually modulated voice sounded harsh and out of key. "God's Cross! There's impudence for you. They ought to keep madwomen locked up."

But no one ans'd. Glancing here and there, the Duke observed his own thought reflected on every face... His gentlemen knew and he knew that, if the prisoner's sentence were carried out, he, Cesare, Duke of Romagna, would die that night.



#### Slavery in America

We tend to think of slavery in the U S as a development of the 19th Century. Actually, slaves were here before the Pilgrims! This mo marks an inglorious anniversary. The 1st Negro slaves in America landed at Jamestown 328 yrs ago. It was the issue of extending slavery to middle-western territory which eventually and indirectly led to conflict between the states. In a letter to JOSHUA F SPEED, of Louisville, dated Aug 24, 1855—92 yrs ago this wk—ABRAHAM LINCOLN points to some early political abstractions related to the issue of slavery. In addition he touches upon intolerance which, it appears, is also no new thing in America.

...You say that if Kansas fairly votes herself a free State, as a Christian you will rejoice at it. All decent slaveholders talk that way. But they never vote that way. Altho you will express your preference that Kansas shall be free, you would vote for no man for Congress who would say the same thing publicly... The slave-breeders and slave-traders are a small, odious, and detested class among you; and yet in politics they are as completely your masters as you are masters of your Negroes.

You inquire where I now stand. That is a disputed point... I am not a Know-nothing; that is certain. How can any one who abhors the oppression of Negroes be in favor of degrading classes of white people? As a nation we began by declaring that "all men are created equal." We now practically read it, "all men are created equal except Negroes." When the Know-nothings get control, it will read, "all men are created equal, except Negroes, foreigners and Catholics."

# GOOD STORIES

## You Can Use

An old English charwoman, whose pride in her soldier son was very great, appeared one morning and, with deep emotion, announced to her co-workers that her boy was dead.

"How do you know?" she was asked. "Did you hear from the war office?"

"No," was the reply. "I heard from my boy himself."

"From the boy himself?" her astonished friends exclaimed. "How on earth could you do that?"

"Here's the letter," she sobbed, taking a crumpled sheet from her pocketbook. "It says, 'Dear Mother: I am now in the Holy Land.'"

—Grit.

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The old lady passing the insane asylum stopped an approaching inmate on the grounds and said, "Can you tell me the time?"

The cloistered brother took out a ft rule, then got out a slide rule and a compass and a T-square. After fiddling with them for about 5 min's he said, "It's just 4 o'clock."

"Wonderful," said the lady, "but what do you do if it's raining, and you can't measure the shadow?"

"Oh," shrugged the inmate, "in that case, I have to look at my watch."—JOHN STRALEY, *Investment Dealers' Digest*.

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A worldly-wise waitress in a new Houston (Texas) cafe thought she had heard everything until a lanky cowboy asked for a drink of water. "I'm sorry, but we can't serve water yet," she said. "The health dep't says there's bacteria in it."

The cowboy, who was chewing on a plug of Old Mule, found it necessary at this point to head for the door, where he showered the outside with tobacco juice.

He ambled back to the cafe counter and asked: "How big are they?"—*Philadelphia Inquirer*.

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Two men were working on the White House lawn, each supplied with a small push cart upon which was a garbage can. They walked about picking up papers with a long spear. One spied a piece of paper and started to spear it, when suddenly a gust of wind came up

### I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

MARSHALL WINGFIELD, Pres,  
Memphis Council of Churches

A politician so wanted the votes of all the people in his somewhat cosmopolitan audience that he shouted, "I know no North or South; I know no East or West." Whereupon an urchin in the gallery piped out, "Mister, you better go home and study your geoggerfy!"

and blew the paper into the White House through an open window.

The man became frantic and rushed into the bldg. He ret'd shortly after and said: "I was too late. He had already signed it."—*Cactus News*.

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The engagement of a very nice couple was nearly broken up by a florist who was not on his toes. On her birthday the young lady rec'd a bouquet of roses from you know who. She lovingly opened the little white envelope—just as tho she didn't know what it would say. Well, this time she *didn't* know. The message read: "Mac—make it roses, but for Pete's sake don't go over \$4.50."—*This Wk.*

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Bill Jones called in a plumber to fix an upstairs faucet and as he and his wife were coming downstairs they met the plumber coming up. Bill said: "Before I go downstairs I would like to acquaint you with the cause of the trouble." The plumber politely removed his hat and murmured: "Pleased to meet you, ma'am."—*Pure Oil News*.

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In one of his lectures, John Watson (Ian Maclaren) used this illustration:

What I mean by wit is this: Two men were riding together one day thru Paris. One was exceedingly bright and clever, while the other was correspondingly dull. As is usually the case, the latter monop-

olized the conversation. The dullard's talk had become almost unbearable when his companion saw a man on the st far ahead yawning. "Look," he cried, "we are overheard."

That story divides the sheep from the goats. I was telling it once to a Scotch lady, who remarked: "How could they have been overheard at that distance?" "Madam," I repl'd, "that never occurred to me before."—*Toastmaster*.

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A group of graduate students attending the summer session of a univ were seated around the table in the college cafeteria last mo. Since most of them either were teachers or were training to teach, the mat'l rewards of higher learning were being discussed with some fervor. One student was firmly convinced of the value of a Master's degree. "Why," he was overheard to say above the gen'l hub-hub, "you've just got to have a Master's these days. It's the key to the open door."—*Executive's Digest*, Cambridge Associates, Boston, Mass.

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Two old ladies were sitting on a bench in Chicago's Union Station. One waited her turn at the ticket window and then asked how she could get from Chicago to Louisville. What time, how much, and so forth. Then she wanted to know about connections in Louisville to Bowling Green.

The agent went to the bother to look up all the information and wrote it down for the woman. He went about his business. Fifteen min's later, the same lady was back. She asked the same set of questions.

"But I gave you all that a few min's ago, lady," the ticket man said.

"I know," she said, "but that was for me. My sister over there wants to go, too."—HARMAN W NICHOLS, *U P Dispatch*.

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Down in the Gulf coast area of Texas lived a rancher named Pierce

who ran a large herd of cattle which fattened nicely on the lush grass of the region but by the time his prime steers had been driven many mi's northward to the nearest ry for shipment to mkt much of their value had vanished along the trail. But there came a day when the St Louis, Brownsville & Mexico Ry laid its brand-new rails across the Pierce range and established a station near the ranch headquarters. The Ry suggested that Rancher Pierce might like to name the new station. "Yes," he repl'd fervently, "Thank God!" But the postal authorities who have the final say in naming all post offices (and a post office was to be established at the station) turned thumbs down on the rancher's heart-felt suggestion. So a compromise was reached and the town was named "Blessing" . . . —*Missouri-Pacific Lines Magazine.* j

"Did you participate in many engagements on the continent?" an inquisitive old lady asked a ret'd soldier.

"Only 5," repl'd the ex-GI with becoming modesty.

"And you came thru all of them unhurt?"

"Not exactly," he ret'd sadly. "I married the 5th." — *Capper's Wkly.* k

A tough drill sgt ordered his men to hold up their left legs. One recruit inadvertently held up his right leg, thus placing it beside his buddy's left. "All right, all right!" bawled the sgt, "who is the wise guy holding up both legs?" — *Friendly Handshake.* l

Her car stalled at the corner, and the traffic light changed red, yellow, green; red, yellow, green. The polite policeman stepped up beside her car and asked: "What's the matter, lady, ain't we got any colors you like?" — *Sterling Sparks*, hm, Sterling Grinding Wheel Division, Tiffin, O. m

The young fortune-hunter was trying to be frank with Miss

Moneybags. "I admit I'm impressed by your money," he pleaded. "But darling, it's you that I love. I care for your money only up to a certain point." "Yes, I believe that," rejoined the cagey young heiress, "up to the decimal point!" — *Wall St Jnl.* n

#### Lambs' Tales

One day in the train to Victoria, I listened to 2 dear old ladies opposite me who quite visibly glowed at the sight of new lambs gamboling in the fields. "Just look at the little darlings!" said the 1st.

"Yes," said the other, with a Mephistophelean gleam, "and wouldn't they be good with mint sauce!" — *CONRAD AIKEN*, London Correspondent, writing in *Town & Country.* o

The young school teacher had just finished telling a small boy the story of a lamb that had strayed from the flock and been eaten by a wolf.

"You see," she said, "had the lamb been obedient and stayed in the flock, it would not have been eaten by the wolf, would it?"

"No, ma'am," ans'd the small boy. "It would have been eaten by us." — *Watchman-Examiner.* p

A lady dining at a rich rancher's home in Australia commented on a delicious lamb-tail pie. "But," said she to her host, "is it not very extravagant to kill so many dear little lambs just for the sake of their tails?"

"Kill the lambs! My dear madam; why, bless my soul, no! That would never do! The lambs are still alive, and well, and you shall see them skipping about and enjoying themselves tomorrow."

"What!" exclaimed the lady with great disgust, "and we have been eating the tails of live lambs? How very dreadful!" and she rose and left the table in a great tizzy. — *GATES HEBBARD*, *Gourmet.* q

## WISECRACKS

### OF THE WEEK



When a girl marries a man to mend his ways, she is apt to find that he isn't worth a darn. — *Fifth Wheel*, hm, Ind Motor Truck Ass'n.

A girl's interest in summer sports . . . may be due to their wealth and family connections. — *Swanson Newsette.*

When a husband loses his income and the wife her patability, the result is incompatibility. — *Toledo Blade.*

When reformers go on a spree they paint the town blue. — *Bob Hawk*, radio program.

TELEPHONE OPERATOR: One who is always plugging for somebody. — *Cincinnati Inquirer.*

SANDWICH: A beauty on the beach. — *Philadelphia Inquirer.*

A lawyer friend of Las Cruces, N Mex, was sitting in his office when the door opened and a woman entered. Without any preliminaries, the visitor announced that she wanted a divorce. "On what grounds?" the att'y asked. She repl'd that she did not think her husband was faithful. "And what makes you think that he isn't faithful?"

"Well," the lady repl'd, "I don't think he's the father of my child." — *EUGENE O PORTER*, *True.* p

Two extras were watching a married couple walking along Hollywood Blvd.

"They're very much in love with each other," remarked the 1st.

"Are they?" said the other.

"Yes. Do you know, when she's away she writes letters to him whether she needs money or not." — *IRVING HOFFMAN*, *Hollywood Reporter.* q

# MIXING THE MAGAZINES



**Everybody Lived Happily Ever After—Kiplinger Magazine, 8-'47.**

News editors, always watching owlishly for some pixilated human to snap at a dog, never tell us how many dogs spend their whole time not biting men. To supply this want, the following exclusive news is joyously presented:

Approx 33,702,000 couples will remain more or less happily married during '47 and not get divorced, if the current trend in marriage and divorce rates continues.

If the present auto accident rate holds thru '47, about 87,481,710 drivers and passengers will drive over 350 billion mi's without getting killed.

Out of the 12,971,000 little boys in the U S who are under the age of 10, only 5 or possibly 6 will have to pass some day thru the terrible ordeal of being President of the U S. And of the 12,471,000 little girls in the same age group, only 5 or possibly 6 will get themselves talked about as First Ladies of the Land.

Probably 21,982,500 boys and girls from 7 to 17 yrs old will not land in the juvenile courts this yr because of alleged juvenile delinquency, according to gov't statistics.

Last yr, 12,577,184 people rode on scheduled airlines in the U S and possessions without getting killed.

Approx 7,100,000 World War II vets have never been mbrs of the 52-20 club or rec'd vets' unemployment compensation.

Nine hundred and ninety-four out of every 1,000 children will go thru life without having a crippling case of infantile paralysis, according to figures of Selective Service collected during the war. The Nat'l Foundation for Infantile Paralysis estimates that among children under

15, the chances of any one of them getting a crippling case of infantile paralysis even during an epidemic are only one in a thousand.

A train passenger has to travel 996 million mi's, on the average, before finally getting himself killed in a train wreck.

In May there were 14,800,000 organized workers not on strike.

One of the most satisfactory, safest and cheapest mouth washes obtainable today, says the Council of Dental Therapeutics, is plain water.

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**Is This the Answer?—J L KRAFT** (Pres, Kraft Foods), *Arkansas Baptist*, 8-14-'47.

A few wks ago, I attended a very interesting and vital conference in Washington. In the group were about 35 men in high places, gov't and other leaders of the nation's activities and thought. It was an intelligent and stimulating group and I counted it a privilege to sit down with them.

We discussed, among other topics, inroads which Communism is making into our democratic position and institutions, and the gen'l discontent and confusion of mind which one observes everywhere these days.

The chairman of this group—a man in a high gov't position—remarked that I had had wide experience dealing with men in all walks of life. He asked if I had an answer to the problem which underlies this present-day peril to our democratic way of life.

I ans'd his query by putting a gen'l question to the group: "How many of you men here are mbrs of churches?" All of the men were mbrs of one church or another.

Then I followed with another

question: "How many of you are actively engaged in the work of your church? How many of you are giving any time to your church? How many of you teach in Sunday School, or work on any of the committees—or belong in any way to the actual work of the church?" Not a single man of all those present could answer that he was, indeed, doing any work in his church.

I said to them: "You say that you are Christians—that you believe in the Christian faith. But there is not one of you who is willing to stand up and be counted! When you are willing to *work* for the thing in which you believe, then you will have the solution of the whole matter!"

## This WACKY WORLD

**EMIL ("Billy Goat") PETRICK**, professional razor-blade swallower, who recently landed in hospital when one went down "the wrong way": "No, I'm not going to quit. Steak and chicken lovers don't stop eating because they get a bone in their throats, do they?"

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**SARAH PALFREY COOKE**, tennis star, cabling from London her opinion of current styles: "I think lampshades look all right on lamps; sloping shoulders are okay on champagne bottles, but padded hips are no good on anyone. When I'm fit to be tied in the middle, I'll call it a day."

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Spokesman for a pr of Indians who provided smoke signals for a scene in *The Fabulous Texan*, when director observed that art must have been handed down from father to son, thru the centuries: "Nope; we learned smoke signaling from the movies!"

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**Dr GEO LAWTON**, psychologist: "No matter how old you are or how restless you get, a blonde is seldom the best solution to your problem."



